

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. WALTER YIN CHINN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Walter Yin Chinn. Mr. Chinn was a community leader in Chinatown and Little Saigon who worked tirelessly to provide opportunities to promote Asian community building.

I proudly recognize Mr. Walter Yin Chinn for his lifelong dedication to the Oakland Community. Mr. Chinn's integrity, ability and devotion to his Country, its citizens and his family enabled him to make a substantial, valuable, and lasting contribution to the City of Oakland, State of California, and his Country.

For many years as a leader in the State of California, Mr. Chinn distinguished himself for his character, and devotion to the interests and growth of the City of Oakland and its Asian community. He would go on to earn the respect and affection of all whom he interacted with, for his infectious personality and unwavering service to the community, not only as a private citizen but as a public servant in various positions.

Due to his reputation for being a consistent resource, Mr. Chinn was recognized as the Oakland Police Department AACC Citizen of the Year, and was twice honored as a distinguished recipient, first in 1993 and again in 2013. Additionally, he was awarded the Oakland Police Department Honorary Gold Badge in 2013 and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy Reserves for his work on the China Clipper flying boat which connected the U.S. and Asia on Treasure Island during World War II.

Today, I recognize and remember Mr. Walter Yin Chinn, for his lifetime of dedication to his community, and for his service to this country. While we mourn his loss, we celebrate his incredible life, which he lived fully. May he rest in peace and power.

HONORING PAUL CHEVALIER,
USMC SERGEANT MAJOR

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Marine Corps Sergeant Major Paul Chevalier, a distinguished leader within the New Hampshire Veteran community who passed away earlier this month. A Vietnam Veteran who began his service in 1954 and proudly served his Nation in uniform until 1985, Paul's return to civilian life saw him take up the cause of championing his fellow Veterans throughout his professional career. This selfless dedication to our state's greatest heroes

was emblematic of Paul's passion for our armed forces and his tireless commitment to providing those who defended our freedoms with the care and benefits they deserve.

Paul's advocacy on behalf of Veterans saw him rise to the position of Post Commander for New Hampshire, where he became a trusted partner for local and state lawmakers looking to address VA issues and prevent Veteran homelessness. His candor and experience won him many friends, including former Senator John McCain who counted him among his most ardent supporters during his 2008 Presidential run. Those who were fortunate enough to know Paul in life will continue to honor his legacy by carrying on the important work he undertook at the VFW and working to ensure our Veterans have access to the programs and benefits that will help them lead healthy, productive lives.

Paul's absence will be felt across the state, and his memory will serve as the onus to reflect not only on what we have done to serve our Veterans, but how we can best care for and empower them in the years to come. I commend Paul for his lifelong dedication to our state's heroes and extend sincere condolences to his widow Cathy, his family and loved ones. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Paul for his legacy of service that will live on in the next generation of Veterans to take his place.

CELEBRATING REV. DR. BERNICE KING'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th birthday of Rev. Dr. Bernice King. A true representation of Atlanta Influences Everything, Dr. King was born in Atlanta the youngest child of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, then graduated from Spelman College (where she, like her mother, became a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc), one of Atlanta's incredible HBCUs, and earned both a Master's in Divinity and a law degree from Atlanta's Emory University.

As the second woman ever ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church and the CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center For Nonviolent Social Change, Dr. Bernice King is a trailblazer and civil rights leader in her own right. Though there is perhaps no one in America now who carries such a heavy weight of history on their shoulders, she does so with unparalleled faith, integrity, and power. Dr. King's work to build our Beloved Community reminds us that we must move in the "fierce urgency of now."

Dr. Bernice King has been a church leader, organizing and developing several new ministries. Bernice has been a community leader,

establishing the Be a King Scholarship in honor of her mother at Spelman College and leading the 2013 "Let Freedom Ring" event bringing together a global audience including Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter, and commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. And Dr. Bernice King has been a political leader, playing a pivotal role in bringing the Atlanta business community to the table in supporting critical racial equity and social justice issues during the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests, leading to the passage of long-overdue anti-hate crimes legislation.

As her father said, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." But what we must remember, and Bernice demonstrates for us, is that the arc does not bend on its own. She reminds us that we cannot afford to operate as if we have the luxury of time; "we must fight with a fierce determination to discover a win-win pathway to build the Beloved Community" and we must "forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline."

With that eternal spirit in mind, Bernice kept the Beloved Community together, engaged, and active, even during the pandemic. I was so honored when she included me with the illustrious LaTosha Brown and the amazing Al Vivian for an invaluable conversation in April 2021 about the rampant suppression of the Black vote around the country, and how important our continued advocacy for voting rights is.

During that conversation, Dr. Bernice King reminded us of her father's important imploration "Let us march on ballot boxes until we send to our city councils, state legislatures, and the United States Congress, men who will not fear to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."

I remember that lesson every time I walk to the House Floor to vote. I make sure my Carter Cakes remembers that lesson when I take him to vote. And I make sure my colleagues remember the history that brought us here today, and what kind of people they expected us to be. And I thank Dr. Bernice King for keeping that lesson alive and bringing it to the people.

HONORING MICHAEL SACCO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring the career of Michael Sacco, who recently retired after serving for nearly 35 years as president of the Seafarers International Union.

Whereas, Michael Sacco recently retired following nearly 35 years as president of the Seafarers International Union; and

Whereas, Sacco is universally recognized throughout the American maritime industry as one of its most effective leaders; and

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Whereas, his long list of noteworthy achievements includes helping secure enactment of the U.S. Maritime Security Program, leading the historic merger of the SIU and the National Maritime Union, powerfully defending the Jones Act, and protecting mariners' rights not only in the United States but also around the globe; and

Whereas, Sacco also had been the longest-serving member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, where his guidance proved beneficial to numerous other labor leaders; and

Whereas, Sacco also played a crucial role in helping develop the SIU's affiliated school—the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education—into one of the world's finest, most modern facilities for new and experienced seafarers alike; and

Whereas, Sacco proficiently promoted the success of his union's contracted companies, though never at the expense of his own rank-and-file members; and

Whereas, Sacco's immense popularity both within the union and throughout the labor movement and the maritime industry reflected a healthy respect and admiration for his lifetime of service; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the United States Congress salutes Michael Sacco for his work, his dedication, and his achievements. I appreciate everything he has done on behalf of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and I wish him the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF DEARBORN'S SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Dearborn on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of their founding. The services that they have provided the city of Dearborn and its residents are worthy of commendation.

For the last 100 years, the members of the Rotary Club of Dearborn have been putting "Service Above Self" and providing humanitarian aid to the residents of Dearborn. Their assistance has been invaluable over the years and it is clear that they have made a lasting imprint on the city. They host fundraisers, organize events to bring the community together, and provide food and supplies to those in need. No matter how they are helping, you can always count on the Rotarians of Dearborn to go above and beyond the call of duty. One of the primary ways that the Rotarians of Dearborn help their community is through scholarships. People of all walks of life, including graduating high school seniors, nursing students, and veterans, have been awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships since 1999.

For the last 100 years, the Rotarians has been integral to the public spaces of Dearborn. In 2009, they partnered with Henry Ford College to build the beautiful Kingfisher Bluff overlook on the Rouge River. They have planted trees at Fort Street Heritage Park, Salina Elementary, and Greenfield Village. Every year, the Rotary Club is one of the largest patrons of the Dearborn Public Library. This

year, with the proceeds from their 100th Anniversary Gala, the Rotary Club of Dearborn will fund a community project to help renovate the auditorium of Dearborn's Henry Ford Centennial Library, making it more accessible to individuals and groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Rotary Club of Dearborn and all of its members and volunteers for 100 years of "Service Above Self." Their efforts have made Dearborn more beautiful, more welcoming, and a community where anyone would be happy to raise their child. Hats off to 100 years of incredible work, and here's to 100 more years.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES PAUL LOOS III

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate James Paul Loos III for his retirement from a lifetime of public service.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. Loos has dedicated his life to serving the great state of Florida and the United States of America. At the age of 20, he joined the Florida Air National Guard and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. However, this was just the beginning of his four decades of public service.

Throughout the last 40 years, Mr. Loos has served in the Florida Air National Guard, Clay County Sheriffs Office, Naval Support Activity, Department of Navy Police, and the Nassau County Sheriffs Office, where he spent 20 of those years.

At every step of his career, Mr. Loos continually received outstanding praise from his superior officers. Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper described Mr. Loos as having a heart for helping others, and he expressed gratitude for his tireless advocacy in keeping citizens safe.

Mr. Loos's commitment to serving his community, state, and country should be celebrated, and I am inspired by the example he is setting for the next generation of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a much-deserved retirement for James Paul Loos III, a true servant and patriot.

HONORING THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I rise today to honor the momentous accomplishments of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club. This organization's work has proven vital to our Oakland community, and it continues bearing its fruits more than 50 years after NMDC's inception.

I proudly recognize NMDC's founding President, Virtual Murrell, and co-founders Leo Bazile, Wilson Riles, Jr., AC Taylor, and

Johnnie Harrison for their tremendous work, ongoing support, and commitment to African American education and political representation in our community. I vividly remember sitting in Virtual Murrell's kitchen on a Sunday morning, with excitement during the discussions that led to the establishment of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club.

In 1970, Oakland's population was more than 365,000, and 35 percent was Black. Yet, no Black community members had ever been elected to the Oakland City Council or the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors. The future founding members of NMDC knew this had to change—the Black community needed a voice. These founding members knew it was time for a shift in political power and embraced the challenges that stood before them to attain the representation they desperately needed.

In the fall of 1973, the Niagara Movement Democratic Club was formed. A group of young, energized, and determined individuals came together to continue the dream of the Niagara Movement, a civil rights group founded in 1905 dedicated to obtaining civil rights for African Americans. Inspired by a founding member of the Niagara Movement, W.E.B. DuBois, NMDC's guiding mission was the ideal of the "Talented Tenth," which sought to cultivate strong Black leadership through prioritizing college education and championing social change. As a result, the Niagara Movement Democratic Club surpassed its educational goals and moved toward political advocacy and representation. Because of this, NMDC focused on recruiting young Black professionals and students to grow their club and fulfill their mission of Black representation in local politics.

To challenge the status quo, NMDC worked relentlessly to coalesce other major Black organizations behind the common goal of increased representation in their community while challenging Republican efforts to maintain a conservative footprint in our district.

Since its formation some fifty years ago, NMDC has consistently embodied this mission as reflected by its members, including student activists, educators, graduate students, accountants, law students, city planners, and healthcare professionals. In addition, the organization has maintained an acute focus on empowering and integrating Black students and working professionals in the political conversations impacting Oakland.

Today, I recognize the organization's extraordinary members for their unyielding efforts to fight for representation and equity. These individuals challenged and changed the narrative, whether it be through fighting against the Republican establishment, organizing young students, or being elected to public office. NMDC created space for Black residents of Oakland, California to have a political voice. We thank them for the everlasting footprints of change they have made in our community.

The founding members of the Niagara Movement Democratic Club are as follows:

1. Virtual T. Murrell
2. Leo Bazile
3. AC Taylor
4. Johnnie S. Harrison
5. Shirley Douglas
6. Edmund Atkins
7. Art Scott
8. Irene Scott-Murrell
9. Anita Williams
10. Al Rogers